

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-51. (Canceled).

52. (New) A clinician documentation method for use with an electronic processing device to better support and define a medical diagnosis as needed for appropriate DRG (Diagnosis Related Group) assignment comprising the steps of:

inputting patient data into information prompting forms;

navigating through additional information prompting forms relevant to a patient encounter;

displaying previously entered information and corresponding conclusions;

selecting the desired information and corresponding conclusions to be augmented;

providing at least one of alternative conclusions and additional criteria to be inputted;

choosing at least one of the previously entered information, corresponding conclusions, alternative conclusions, and additional criteria;

calculating more accurate conclusions based upon all entered information and related predetermined criteria;

displaying a selection of prompted information forms;

providing more accurate and alternative conclusions, and predetermined criteria supporting the conclusions;

choosing, adding, deleting, or modifying a conclusion;

providing additionally prompted information forms;

recording and saving the calculated conclusions; and

summarizing all entered data.